Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sunday, October 16, 2005, has been designated Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day by the National Board; and,

Whereas, The theme for this celebrated observance is: "Women of Vision and Faith; Lighting the Way to the Son through Mary"; and,

Whereas, Our Patroness, Mary Immaculate, is the spiritual role model for all Catholic women; and,

Whereas, Pope Benedict XVI, as he spoke to the world for the first time, said, "In the joy of the Risen Lord and with His constant help, we will work together with Mary, His Mother, who is by our side"; and,

Whereas, Catholic Daughters of the Americas continues to make their faith visible through daily Eucharist, prayer and charitable acts of service, enriching the many communities in which they live and serve:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2005, as

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State